

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a plurality of programs in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:
selecting for encryption a plurality of digital bit streams from a transport stream, the selecting performed using an identifier;
encrypting a portion of each of the plurality of digital bit streams;
combining the encrypted portion and the unencrypted portion with the transport stream; and
transmitting the combined stream.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of digital bit streams includes a packet identifier, and wherein the selecting step selects each of the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a predetermined packet identifier.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of digital bit streams includes a packet identifier, and wherein the selecting step selects the plurality of digital bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the selected plurality of digital bit streams are programs.
5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the selected plurality of digital bit streams are elementary digital bit streams.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein a portion of the selected plurality of digital bit streams is encrypted according to the packet identifier associated with each of the plurality of digital bit streams.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the packet identifier is indicative of each of the plurality of digital bit streams being one of a video stream, an audio stream, and a data stream.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of digital bit streams associated with the video stream.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of digital bit streams associated with the audio stream.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of digital bit streams associated with the data stream.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of digital bit streams associated with at least one of the video stream, the audio stream, and the data stream.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion of the plurality of digital bit streams is encrypted according to a first level encryption method.
13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a plurality of programs in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting for encryption a plurality of elementary bit streams from a plurality of programs, the selecting performed using an identifier; encrypting a portion of the selected streams; combining the encrypted portion and the remaining portion of the selected streams with the plurality of programs to provide a partially-encrypted stream; and transmitting the partially-encrypted stream.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of elementary bit streams includes a plurality of packets, each packet having a packet header.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the packet header includes a packet identifier identifying the packet, wherein the packet identifier is indicative of one of a video stream, an audio stream, and a data stream.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with the video stream.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with the audio stream.
18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with the data stream.
19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the encrypted portion includes at least one of the plurality of packets associated with at least one of the video stream, the audio stream, and the data stream.